

AMENDMENTS TO PCT ARTICLE 19 CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device for storing and drying sports equipment, consisting of a support stand formed of tubes and in the form of a valet with at least one vertical support ~~(2)~~ and a transverse support ~~(3)~~ suitable for holding a chest armour piece, as well as two tube ends ~~(8)~~ for sticking on shoes, as well as several holders of tube elements ~~(12, 13, 18, 20)~~ which are integrally formed on at least one vertical support ~~(2)~~, for receiving further parts of sports equipment, wherein the at least one vertical support ~~(2)~~ and the transverse support ~~(3)~~ as well as all tube elements ~~(12, 13, 18, 20)~~ are in communicating connection, and a flange element ~~(32)~~ with a ventilator ~~(31)~~ fastened thereto and with an electrical connection ~~(34)~~ for feeding the ventilator ~~(31)~~ is present, and that the tube elements ~~(12, 13, 18, 20)~~ and tube ends ~~(8)~~ for sticking on the shoes, comprise air exit openings ~~(30)~~, characterised in that two vertical supports ~~(2)~~ are present and at least one air-leading transverse support ~~(3)~~, which serve for the transport of air and are free of air exit openings and that the two vertical supports ~~(2)~~ at the lower ends ~~(8)~~ are in each case bent into a base foot ~~(4)~~, so that the vertical supports ~~(2)~~ are located approximately centrally over the base surfaces ~~(6)~~ of the base feet ~~(4)~~, and wherein all previously mentioned parts are bent from a tube.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the flange element ~~(32)~~ with the ventilator ~~(31)~~ is arranged on at least one transverse support ~~(3)~~.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the air flow produced by the ventilator ~~(31)~~ is divided and introduced in both directions into the transverse support ~~(32)~~ by the flange element ~~(3)~~.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the two free ends of the tube forming the base foot are bent towards the centre ~~(9)~~ and upwards ~~(7, 10)~~, and are suitable for receiving shoes, wherein air exit openings ~~(30)~~ are only provided in the last, vertically upwardly projecting section ~~(10)~~.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that circular, open bows ~~(12)~~ of tube elements are present on the base feet ~~(4)~~ at the region which lies opposite the ends ~~(8)~~ serving for receiving the shoes, and these tube elements are provided with air exit openings ~~(30)~~ and are suitable for holding shin pads.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the two vertical supports ~~(2)~~ are connected to one another above the base feet ~~(4)~~ by way of a tube element ~~(13)~~, wherein the tube element ~~(13)~~, out of the plane in which the two vertical supports ~~(2)~~ run, is bent to the front to the front end ~~(7)~~ of the base feet ~~(4)~~ and here in a plane parallel to the plane of the two vertical supports ~~(2)~~, is shaped into two upwardly directed retaining bows ~~(16)~~, wherein the tube element at least in the region of the retaining bows ~~(16)~~ comprises air exit openings ~~(30)~~.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that in each case a tube element ~~(18)~~—as a hang-up hook with air exit openings ~~(30)~~—is integrally formed on both vertical supports ~~(2)~~—at approximately the same height, and serve to receive elbow protectors and gloves.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the two vertical supports ~~(2)~~—are connected to one another below the transverse support ~~(3)~~—by way of a tube element ~~(20)~~—which is bent to the rear, out of the plane of the vertical supports—~~(2)~~, but runs parallel to the transverse support—~~(3)~~.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that an upwardly bent, centrally arranged bow ~~(22)~~—is arranged on the transverse support ~~(3)~~—and is suitable for serving as a helmet carrier.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that all tube elements connecting to the two vertical supports ~~(2)~~—and the transverse support—~~(3)~~, at their connection locations ~~(14, 19)~~—are pressed together according to the outer shape of the vertical supports—~~(2)~~, and comprise punchings for the screwable fastening on the mentioned supports ~~(2)~~, as well as in each case an air connection opening ~~(41)~~—which communicates with an air connection opening ~~(43)~~—in the corresponding support in the assembled position.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the flange element ~~(32)~~—as a T-piece is provided with a support bracket ~~(37)~~—for the ventilator—~~(31)~~, and an electrical plug-and-socket connection ~~(34)~~—is provided for feeding the ventilator—~~(31)~~.